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To: All Arizona Licensed Hospitals and Other Interested Parties

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Subject: A THIRD and FINAL Release of the Arizona Hospital Discharge Data for the First Half Of 2003 – January 1 To June 30, 2003 – **This is the Final Release of 2003-01 Inpatient Discharge Data – The 2003-01C Release**

Earlier this year, the Department of Health Services made available two releases of the Arizona Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data Public Release File for the first half of 2003. In February, we offered the 2003-01A Release, which included 44 Arizona hospitals, and then in May, the 2003-01B Release, which included 55 Arizona hospitals. After the 2003-01B Release in May, there were no plans for a third release of 2003-01 hospital inpatient discharge data.

Since that time, it has come to our attention that there were corrections that could be made with regard to four of the hospitals in the 2003-01B Release that could be of benefit to many data users. After some consideration, it was decided to offer a 2003-01C Release. The differences between the 2003-01B and 2003-01C Releases are as follows:

- Havasu Regional Medical Center (62-1735358) – The data file in the 2003-01B Release was found to be from the wrong time period. We believe that this error occurred here in our office. It has been replaced and the correct file is now in place.
- John C. Lincoln Hospital – North Mountain (86-0117301) – The data file in the 2003-01B Release contained only data from June 2003. The data from January through May 2003 has been resubmitted and the complete revised file is now in place.

- Phoenix Children's Hospital (86-0422559) – The data file in the 2003-01B Release contained incorrect Payer coding. It has been replaced with the correct file.
- St. Joseph's Hospital - Phoenix (86-0096787) – The data file in the 2003-01B Release did not contain all inpatient discharge records from the first half of 2003. The data has been resubmitted and the complete revised file is now in place.

As with the earlier 2003-01B Release in May of this year, the 2003-01C Release includes only the 55 out of 78 hospitals whose data was found to be in sufficient compliance with the data submission requirements so as to be functional for the purposes of most hospital discharge data users. Hospitals whose discharge data was found not to be in sufficient compliance are not included in this release. However, when compared to the 2003-01B Release, the 2003-01C Release has over 13,000 more records.

The complete list of the 55 hospitals with the record counts included in the 2003-01C Release, and the Discharge Data Order Form, are available on our website. There are no plans for another release of 2003-01 discharge data.

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